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Memorandum

TO: Planning and Operations Committee
FR: Executive Director
RE: Station Area Planning Program: Pilot Cycle of Grants

DATE: July 8, 2005

As you know, one of the core elements of the proposed TOD Policy is MTC's financial support for Station Area Plans throughout the region. This commitment to station area planning is critical to allow local communities to tailor the principles of Transit-Oriented Development to their own unique surroundings and circumstances. The Station Area Planning Program will fund specific plans, zoning amendments, and station access designs to assist local jurisdictions with meeting corridor-level development thresholds as directed by the TOD Policy. As a first step, staff is recommending an initial pilot cycle of Station Area Planning grants. It is our intention that this pilot cycle of Station Area Planning Grants will provide some important learning opportunities for MTC staff to develop guidelines and launch an ongoing program later next year.

Background

In May 2004 the Programming and Allocations Committee approved \$2.8 million in rescinded Housing Incentive Program (HIP) funds for a pilot Station Area Plan program. In May 2005, staff solicited Station Area Planning Program preliminary applications from cities in affected Resolution 3434 corridors for a pilot cycle of funding. We received seventeen applications, totaling \$5.6 million in requests. MTC staff met with ABAG and JPC staff to review the preliminary applications and requested detailed workscopes for ten of the proposed planning projects for further consideration. After reviewing the detailed workscopes, budgets and timelines for the ten projects, MTC, ABAG and JPC staff unanimously selected eight projects to recommend for funding (see Attachment A) within the \$2.8 million budget.

In addition to the funds to support individual Station Area Plans, MTC staff is recommending that: (1) an additional \$200,000 be made available to assist with two \$100,000 corridor planning efforts – along the Sonoma Marin Rail Transit (SMART) corridor, and along the BART to San Jose corridor; and (2) that up to \$300,000 be made available for Station Area Plan consulting assistance over a two-year period to provide TOD Policy-related support for project sponsors as they develop the Station Area Plans and implement Corridor Working Groups. These additions bring the total cost of the Station Area Plan Program Pilot Cycle to \$3.3 million.

At the July 13, 2005 Programming and Allocations Committee meeting, staff will be requesting redirection of \$465,000 in Second Cycle TLC planning funds previously approved by the Commission to fully fund the Station Area Plan Program Pilot Cycle, and identify \$500,000 of the Station Area Plan funds as STP Exchange funds, consistent with MTC Resolution 3018. That committee's approval will provide additional funds for the two corridor planning efforts and the Station Area Plan consulting assistance.

Recommendation

Staff requests Committee approval of the Station Area Plan Pilot Cycle program of projects as shown in Attachment A.

Steve Heminger

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Attachments

Attachment A
Station Area Plans – Pilot Cycle
Recommended Program of Projects

	3434 Corridor	County	Lead Applicant	Partner Transit Agency	Station Area, Project Location	Funds Requested	Recommended Funding	Notes
1	Ferries	ALA	Alameda	WTA/AC	Alameda Point	\$ 221,000	\$ 221,000	--
2	e-BART	CC	BART	BART	e-BART Corridor	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	BART/MTC to determine which e-BART Station Area/Ridership Development Plans to fund.
3	Capitol Corridor	SOL	Fairfield	Fairfield-Suisun Transit, Vacaville City Coach and Solano Transportation Authority	Fairfield Multi-Modal Station	\$ 540,000	\$ 250,000	Additional funding to be provided by project sponsor.
4	BART to San Jose	ALA	Fremont	BART	Warm Springs BART Station	\$ 380,000	\$ -	This was one of two applications from the BART to SJ corridor. Recommend priority for Santa Clara/San Jose Station Plan.
5	Dumbarton Rail	SM	Menlo Park	San Mateo County Transportation Authority; SamTrans; Peninsula Corridor JPB (Caltrain)	Menlo Park Dumbarton Rail Station	\$ 450,000	\$ 225,000	Will need to modify scope; project sponsor and SMTCA to provide up to \$225,000 to help fund this plan.

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6	BART/Oakland Airport Connector	ALA	Oakland	BART	BART/ Oakland Airport Connector - Coliseum BART Station	\$ 354,000	\$ -	Funds requested to consolidate findings from previously completed studies - no new planning/lessons to be learned.
7	T-BART	ALA	Pleasanton	BART	Hacienda Specific Plan	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	-
8	BART to San Jose	SC	San Jose, Santa Clara	VTA	Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor, BART Extension to Silicon Valley (Santa Clara Station)	\$ 750,000	\$ 600,000	Largest single dollar request; recommend reduced funding of Santa Clara Station to fit within overall funding available to the region.
9	Bus Rapid Transit	ALA	San Leandro	AC Transit	Downtown San Leandro BRT Station (Estudillo and E. 14th)	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	
10	SMART	SON	Santa Rosa	Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART)	Downtown Santa Rosa	\$ 500,000	\$ 450,000	Recommend requiring at least \$50,000 in local match.
	Totals					\$ 4,260,000	\$ 2,811,000	